



GOD

ME

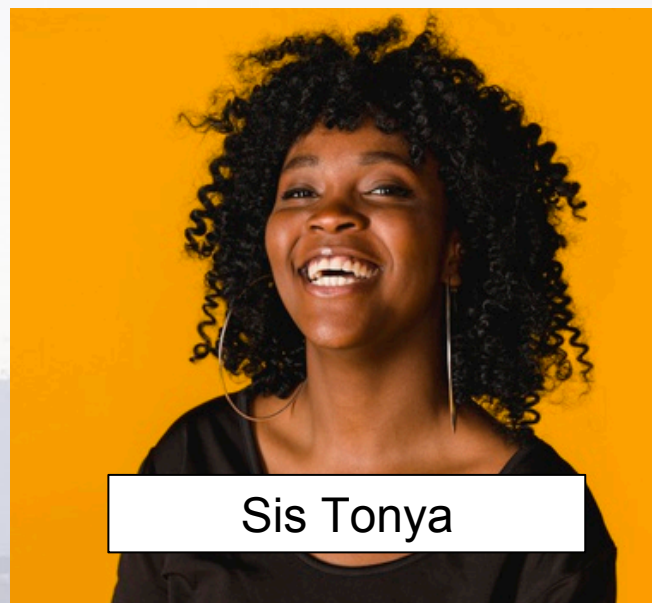
John 3:22-30

GOD OVER ME SERMON SERIES

A pastor and a pound cake



Pastor Kevin



Sis Tonya



Mother Mae
Johnson

HOLLUP!!!



Sis Tonya

3 cups sugar.
3 cups flour. (Plain)
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful baking powder.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Crisco.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. margarine or butter.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon flavoring.
1 cup sweet milk.
5 large eggs - or 6 small ones.
Cook on 325° degrees.
for 80 minutes.



Mae & Sally (Tonya's Grandmother -

1941)

What does it mean to place
SERVING over self?



The bottom line

He must INCREASE

I must DECREASE

22 After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing.

23 John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized

24 (for John had not yet been put in prison).

25 Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification.

26 And they came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him.”

27 John answered, “A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven.

28 You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.'

29 The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete.

John 3:30

JOHN

30 He must increase, but I must decrease.”

John comes to a crossroads

“look He is baptizing, and all are going to Him”

Self or the Savior
Popularity or Purpose



He must
INCREASE,
but i must
DECREASE

John 3:30

John stayed in
his lane

John's motivation

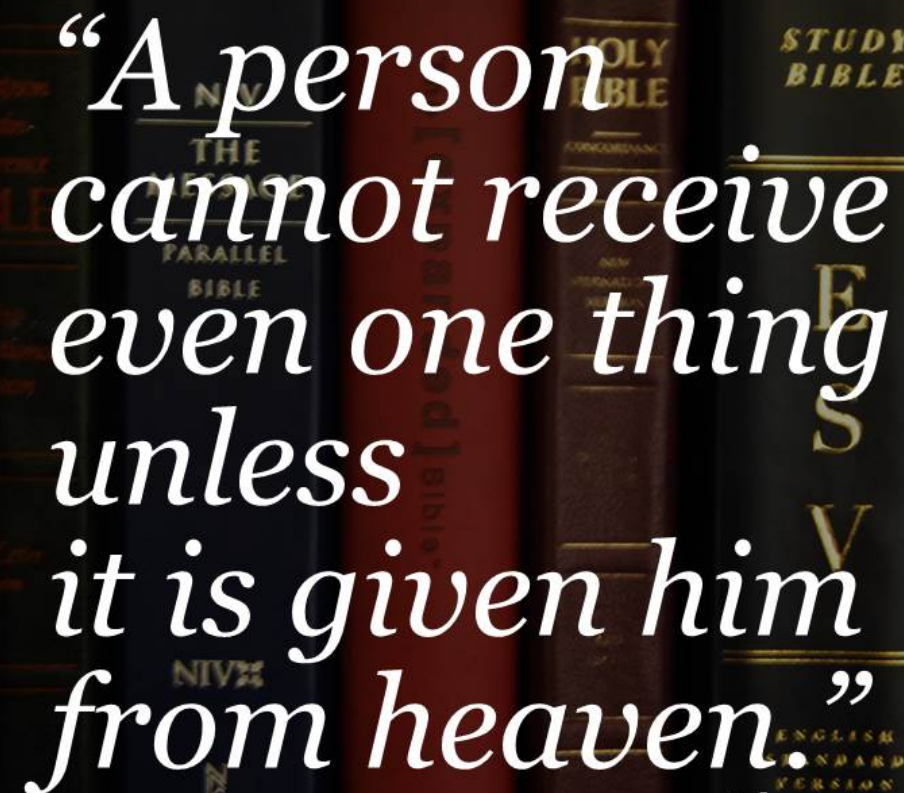
Jesus' ministry



John was a **FRIEND** of the
bridegroom and wanted Jesus to
shine

The right motivation

God's GIFTS
God's GOALS
God's GLORY



*“A person
cannot receive
even one thing
unless
it is given him
from heaven.”*

John 3:27

When you place God's purpose
OVER your preference

His **PURPOSE** will become your
preference

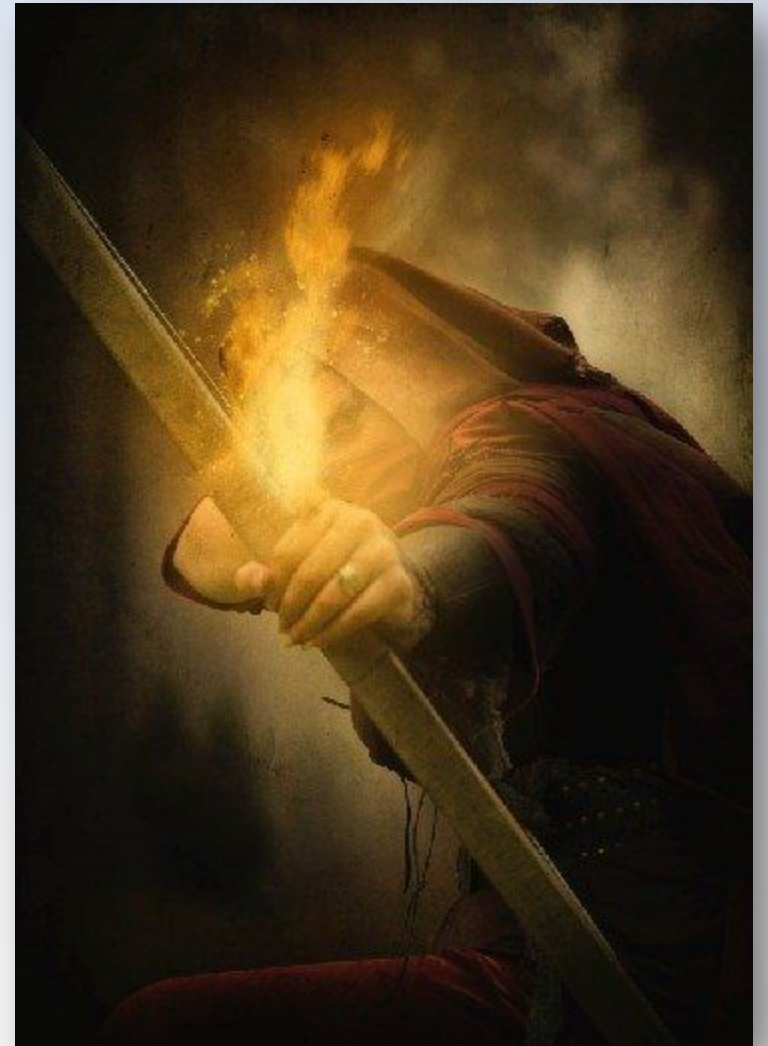


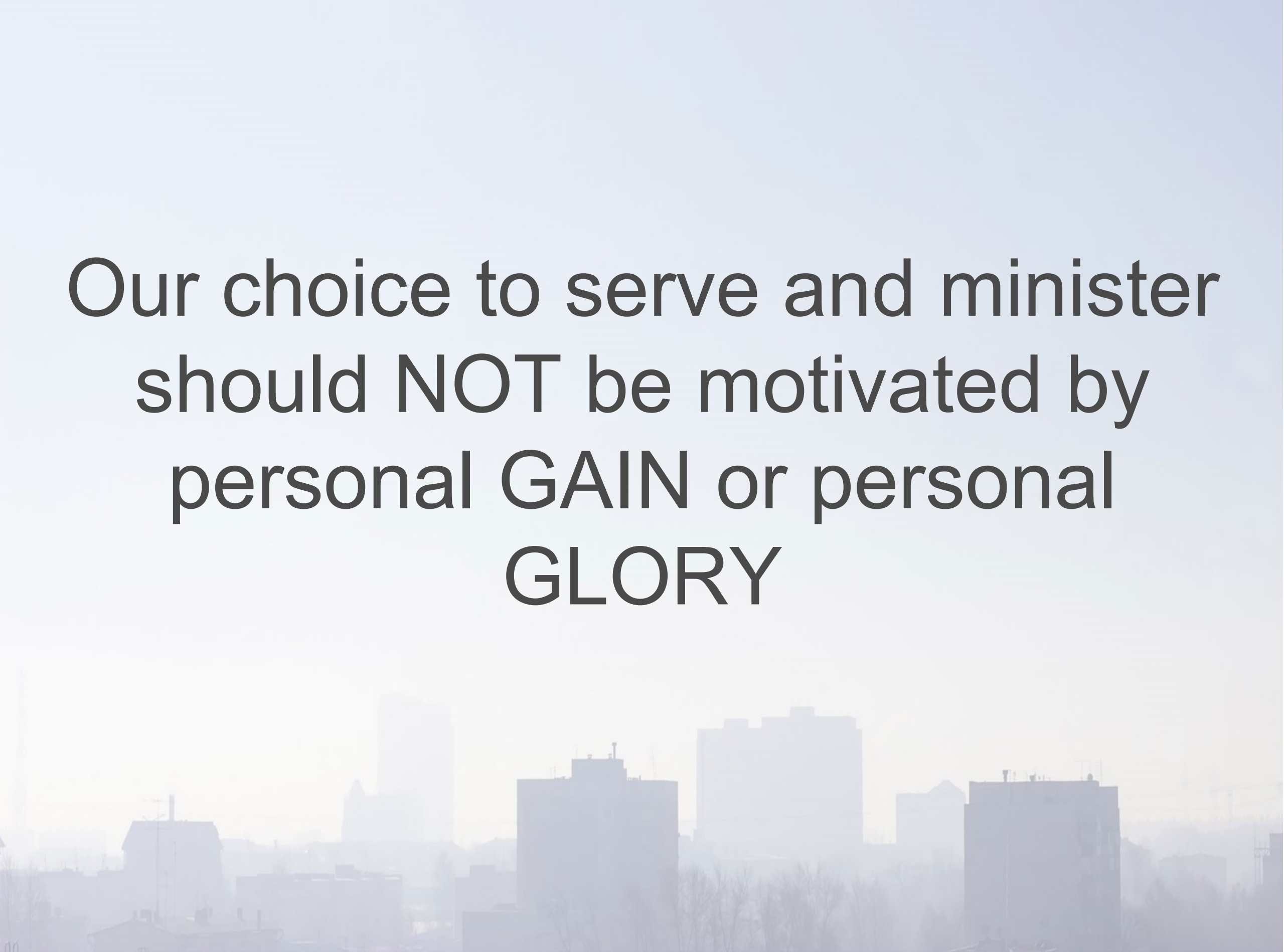
Beware of fiery darts

“They didn’t appreciate
you, QUIT”

“She talked about you,
IT’S ON NOW”

I don’t feel like it, DON’T
SERVE





Our choice to serve and minister
should NOT be motivated by
personal GAIN or personal
GLORY

It's not about our POSITION
It's not about our PREFERENCE
It's not about getting PAID

It's about being a part of
something bigger than us!



What would the church be like if all of us **SERVED** rather than wanting to be seen?



Mae & Sally (Tonya) together again - 2020

What if we put others' needs before our own?